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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, MAY 23

1. NYT (PAGE 9) HEADLINE "CAIRO PAPER SAYS LIBYA GIVES SOVIET MILITARY FACILITIES" DATELINE CAIRO. REPORTS THAT SEMI-OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER, AL AHRAH, SAID TODAY THAT LIBYA AND SOVIET UNION HAD SIGNED AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH SOVIETS WOULD SET UP LAND, AIR AND NAVAL BASES IN LIBYA, IN RETURN FOR WHICH SOVIET UNION REPORTEDLY AGREED TO PROVIDE LIBYA WITH 4.4 BILLION DOLLARS IN ARMS. AGREEMENT ALLEGEDLY SIGNED BY KOSYGIN DURING VISIT LAST WEEK.

2. SUN (PAGE 2) HEADLINE "WEST GETS BIGGER SHARE OF SOVIET UNION'S TRADE," BY MICHAEL PARKS, DATELINE MOSCOW, REPORTS THAT SOVIET TRADE WITH WEST INCREASED NEARLY 50 PER CENT LAST YEAR IN MOSCOW'S CONTINUING EFFORT TO INTEGRATE ITSELF INTO WORLD ECONOMY.

3. SUN (PAGE 2) HEADLINE "APOLLO-SOYUZ FLIGHT IS OKAYED," DATELINE MOSCOW. REPORTS THAT SENIOR AMERICAN AND SOVIET UNCLASSIFIED

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SPACE OFFICIALS DECIDED YESTERDAY THAT JOINT APOLLO-SOYUZ SPACE FLIGHT ALL READY TO GO JULY 15. AMERICAN TECHNICAL DIRECTOR LUNNEY QUOTED AS SAYING AFTER AN EXHAUSTIVE REVIEW, THAT "NO ISSUES OR PROBLEMS REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED."

4. SUN (PAGE 2) HEADLINE "SHELEPIN LOSES SOVIET LABOR POST" DATELINE MOSCOW. TERSE ANNOUNCEMENT YESTERDAY SAID SIMPLY THAT TRADE UNION COUNCIL HAD RELEASED SHELEPIN AS CHAIRMAN "AT HIS REQUEST," THE USUAL SOVIET FORMULA FOR SAYING POLITELY THAT AN OFFICIAL HAS BEEN FIRED. MOST SOVIET SOURCES AND WESTERN ANALYSTS CONCUR SHELEPIN TOO AMBITIOUS AND THREAT TO OTHERS IN LEADERSHIP, INCLUDING BREZHNEV, WHO FINALLY MARSHALED ENOUGH SUPPORT TO OUST SHELEPIN. (ALSO NYT , PAGE 3, AND WP, PAGE 25).

5. CSM (PAGE 26) HEADLINE "SOVIETS CHIDE KISSINGER, SCHLESINGER," BY ELIZABETH POND, DATELINE MOSCOW. MOSCOW HAS FINALLY REPLIED TO POST-VIETNAM WARNING OF HENRY KISSINGER AND JAMES SCHLESINGER - BY CRITICIZING GEORGE WALLACE. IZVESTIA ASSERTS THAT DETENTE IS NOT FAVOR GRANTED BY WEST TO MOSCOW, BUT NUCLEAR ERA'S ONLY ALTERNATIVE TO "A RETURN TO THE COLD WAR, TO BALANCING ON THE BRINK OF NUCLEAR CATASTROPHE."

6. WP (PAGE 24) HEADLINE "DEATH SENTENCE FOR BRIBERY-- SOVIET AUTHORITIES WORRIED ABOUT INCREASING ECONOMIC CRIME" BY PETER OSNOS, REFERS TO HIGHLY PUBLICIZED CASES OF LEVIEV AND SOSNOVSKY. KISSINGER

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